

S-462
Franklin Johnson House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHRIS JOHNSON

MHT Inventory Number: S-462

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-462
Magi No.
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHRIS JOHNSON HOUSE

and/or common FRANKLIN JOHNSON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 27849 Jim Moore Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Johnson

street & number P. O. Box 256 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 235

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 182

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically identified as the Chris Johnson house, and currently known as the Franklin Johnson house, is this two-story, three-bay frame house that stands at 27849 Jim Moore Road in the black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1890, this two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling is supported on a low brick pier foundation covered with sheet metal. The exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back (east) side of the single-pile house is a single-story kitchen wing.

The west (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with the first floor largely covered by an enclosed shed roof addition erected by the current resident, Franklin Johnson. It covers the two southern bays of the first floor with a side entrance marking the north wall. A two-over-two sash window, not covered by the enclosed addition, lights the first floor, and three two-over-two sash windows mark the second floor. Rising through the center of the house is an interior concrete block stove flue. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

Each gable end features a single two-over-two sash window on the first and second floors, and small attic windows mark the upper gable end. The gable end eaves are extended and the soffits are enclosed.

The west (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by a single-story, one-room plan kitchen wing. The portion of the wall not covered by the kitchen is pierced by two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and a single-flue concrete block chimney rises against the northeast corner of the main block.

The kitchen is a squarish single-story structure covered by a steeply pitched gable roof lighted by two-over-two sash windows. A concrete block stove chimney rises against the east gable end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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state Maryland 21871

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CHRIS JOHNSON HOUSE
27849 Jim Moore Road
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

235/182 Harrison B. Johnson, Administrator
 of the Estate of Mamie Johnson

to

Franklin and Beatrice Johnson
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

BLB 127/178 Coutny Commissioners of Somerset County

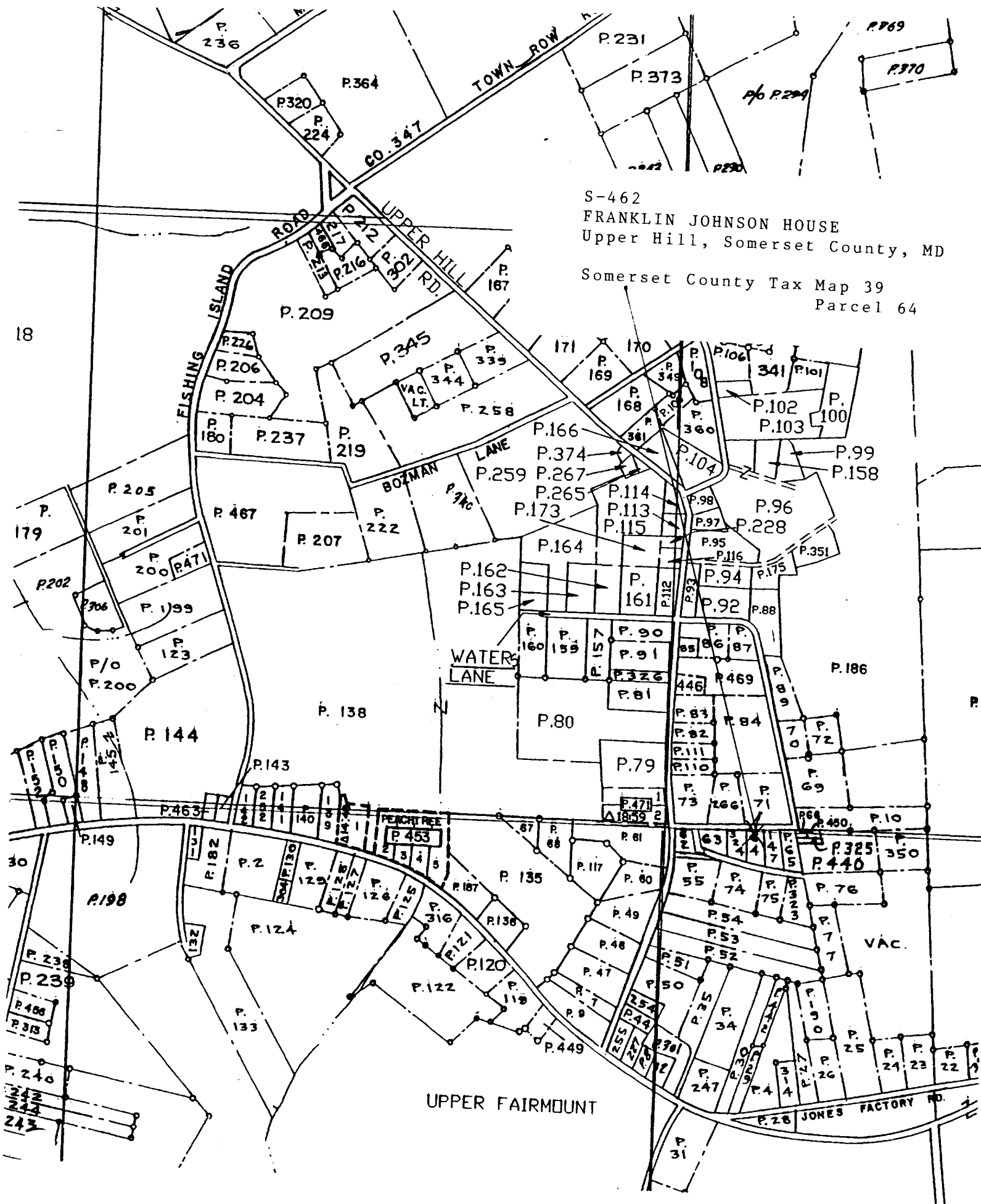
to

5/9/1944 John Johnson
 Mamie Johnson

JMT 115/255 Carlos Bozman, County Treasurer

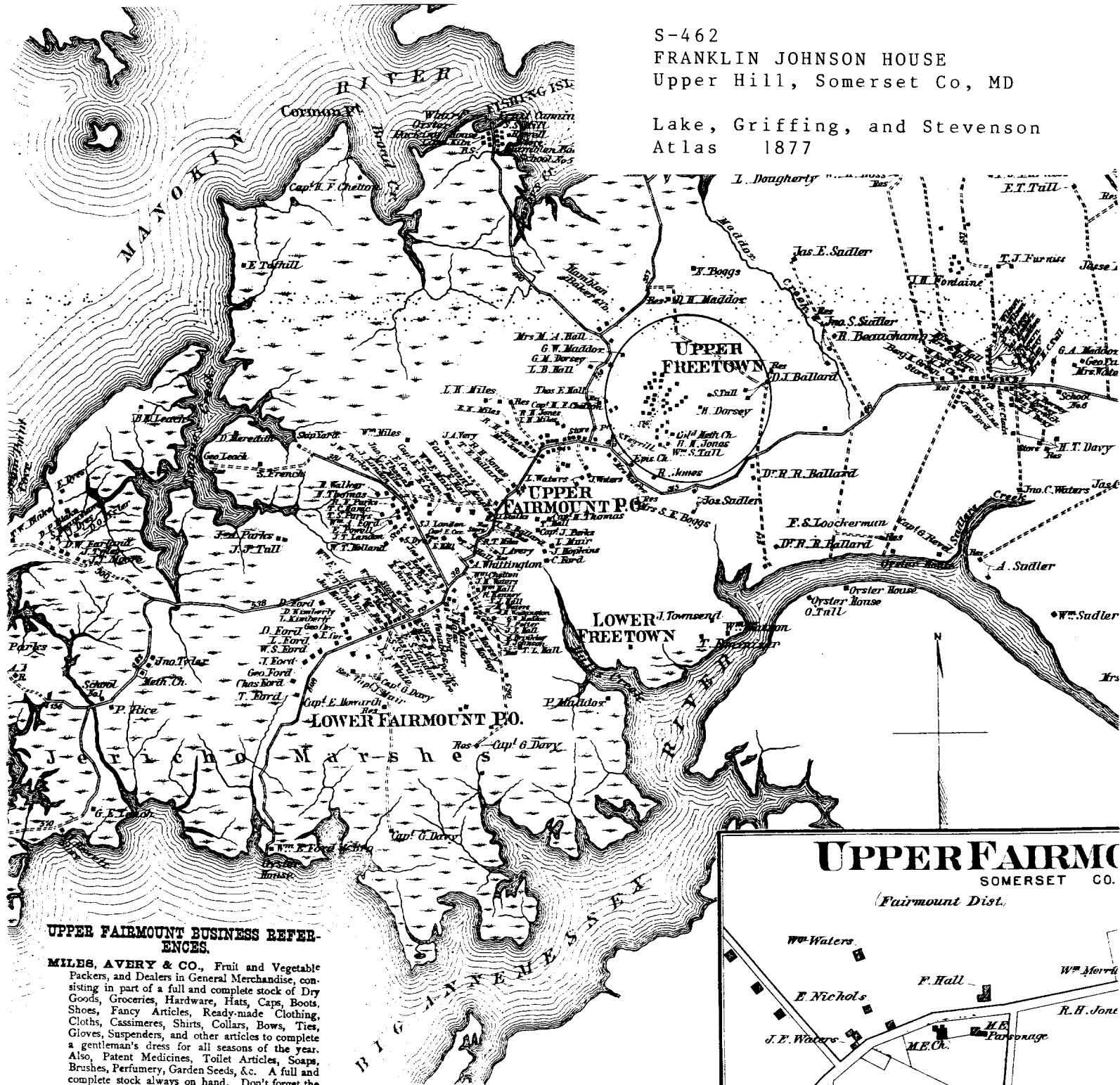
to

10/11/1938 County Commissioners
 Public sale of property as resulting from
 unpaid taxes as assessed to John Johnson
 of Chris



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Upper Hill, Somerset Co, MD

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas 1877



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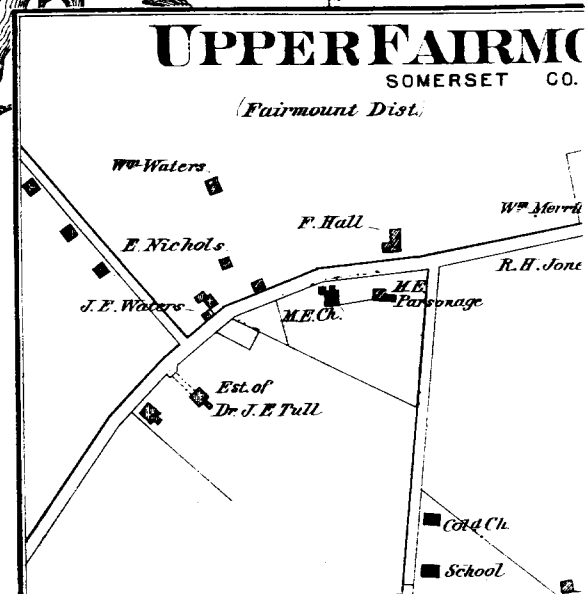
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Kenneth Johnson House

Unpaved Hill, Summit County, MD.

WEST ELEVATION

6/95, PAUL TOWNT, PITTSBURGH AREA

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